

October 1, 2009

Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

All Providers

Healthy Montana Kids Plan

Background Information

On October 1, 2009, children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) will become the Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) Plan, expanding free or low-cost health coverage for Montana children and teens.

Montana voters approved the Healthy Montana Kids ballot measure in 2008, changing income guidelines and extending eligibility to 29,000 more Montana children.

Healthy Montana Kids *Plus* (formerly Medicaid for children)

Children with Healthy Montana Kids *Plus* coverage will receive a new ID card and will keep the same benefits they received under Medicaid. Services are reimbursed at the Medicaid rate through claims submitted to ACS. Most children will continue to be enrolled in Passport to Health.

Healthy Montana Kids (formerly CHIP)

Children with Healthy Montana Kids coverage will receive a new ID card and will keep the same benefits they received under CHIP. Medical services are reimbursed through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana at the CHIP reimbursement rate. Dental services and eyeglasses are reimbursed through ACS at the CHIP reimbursement rate.

Samples of the new ID cards are available at www.mtmedicaid.org.

Providers Will Not Re-enroll to Be HMK Providers

Medicaid and CHIP providers are automatically enrolled as HMK and HMK *Plus* providers.

Verify Eligibility at Each Visit

Providers should verify eligibility at each visit through the web portal, fax back, or automated voice response.

HMK changes do not affect Medicaid or MHSP coverage for adults.

Contact Information

For answers to questions about the information included in this notice, please contact the following resources:

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